

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 126

By Lowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the Cleveland High School girls' volleyball team on winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of young Tennesseans is the Cleveland High School Lady Blue Raiders volleyball team, which won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA state championship and, as such, is deserving of our highest regard; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks the first state championship title in the program's history and, moreover, is the first state title for any female sports team in the history of Cleveland High School, an achievement of monumental proportions and significance; and

WHEREAS, the team's overall record this season of 49-5 establishes a new high for the most wins by any sports team at Cleveland High School, setting a new standard of excellence for all subsequent athletes at their school; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Raiders ranked as high as number twelve in the nation and number one in the State for girls' volleyball, exhibiting a talent that has been recognized far beyond the walls of Cleveland High School; and

WHEREAS, during their historic season, the Lady Blue Raiders won the Battle at the Sunsphere Championship, finishing 7-0 and crushing teams with a combined forty-eight state titles, and they defeated the nationally ranked Pope team from Georgia in the finals of the Tournament of Champions; and

WHEREAS, a true national powerhouse, the 2022 Cleveland High School Lady Blue Raiders volleyball team won district, region, sectional, and state championships with a perfect 9-0 record while going 27-0 in all sets; and

WHEREAS, several of the team's players were honored with a number of prestigious individual awards for their athletic achievements: Kinslee McGowan as District Player of the Year, Region MVP, and an All-State Player; Lauren Hurst as District MVP, Gatorade Player of the Year, and an All-State Player; and Addison Hurst as State Tournament MVP and an All-State Player; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Raiders epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, their perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for each player's future success; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Cleveland High School Lady Blue Raiders volleyball team, not only for winning the state title but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and fans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Cleveland High School Lady Blue Raiders volleyball team upon winning the TSSAA Class AAA state championship. We salute these exceptional young women for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.